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Remarks**I. The Amendments**

The specification of the application was amended by deleting the sequence listing originally filed and entering a substitute sequence listing. The substitute names the inventors as applicants rather than the assignee of the application. The newly entered sequence listing is separately numbered from the rest of the pages of the application and should be entered after the claims and abstract.

In addition, page 21 of the application, as it appears in the English translation, was amended to include sequence identification numbers for DNA sequences appearing on lines 29-31.

II. Submission of Computer Readable Copy of Sequence Listing

Applicants are including herewith a 3.5 inch computer readable diskette which contains a copy of the newly submitted Sequence Listing in ASCII text.

III. Statements to Comply With 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 and 1.825

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby states that the submission herewith does not add new matter to the application.

Conclusion

In light of the present amendments and enclosures, Applicants respectfully submit that all Sequence Listing requirements have now been complied with. It is therefore respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for substantive review.

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If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (703) 905-2173.

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Appendix

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

The specification of the application was amended to enter sequence identification numbers. The changes that were made are shown below with the underlined words indicating text that was added.

On page 21 of the specification, lines 28-31 were amended as follows:

menE-int1:

5' CTC ACT CCG TTG AAT TTG G 3' (SEQ ID NO:3)

menE-int2:

5' CAG GTG CAT TTC TGT AGC C 3' (SEQ ID NO:4)